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# H. R. 699

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2003

Mr. NETHERCUTT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE RATHDRUM**  
4 **PRAIRIE/SPOKANE VALLEY AQUIFER.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, in  
6 consultation with the State of Idaho and the State of  
7 Washington, shall conduct a comprehensive study of the  
8 Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer for the purpose  
9 of preparing a model of the aquifer and establishing for

1 those States a mutually acceptable understanding of the  
2 aquifer as a ground water resource.

3 (b) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the Con-  
4 gress a report on the findings and conclusions of the study  
5 by not later than 3 years after the date of the enactment  
6 of this Act.

7 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 For conducting the study under this Act there is au-  
9 thorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$3,500,000.

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